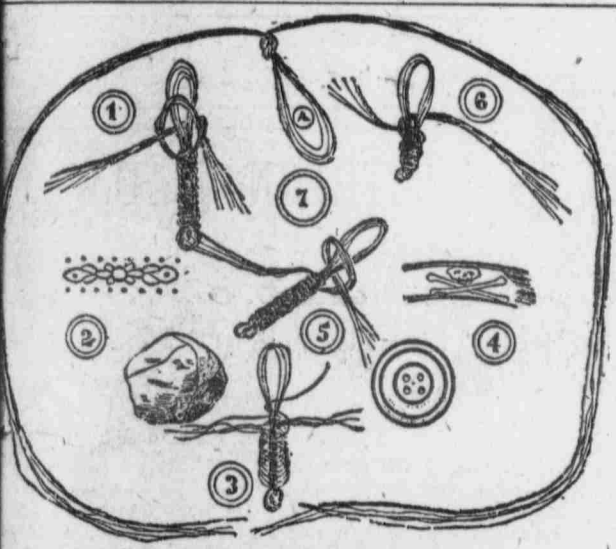


# Half-Hour with the Children

**Making Kings of Horsehair.**  
Regular intervals the passion for making horsehair rings sweeps over the neighborhood. Unlike most amusements of boys, it seems to have no set time for making its appearance. At coming all games are abandoned, boys sit in rows along the curb or a conveniently flat fence and manufacture rings by scores. Every unfortunate enough to pass through a neighborhood so engaged is immediately set upon and must pay a price and unwilling toll.  
The first step in making any of the recent braids is shown in the strands surrounding the entire illustration. The braid must be fitted to the finger for which the ring is intended. Figure 1 shows the first ring I shall describe. The braid consists only a series of strands, similar to the one shown in the illustration. Somewhat approaching Figure 5, but the braid is a simpler; it is made by successive stitches taken alternately with each set of strands.  
Figure 6 shows a rather odd braid, which is very little known. The strands to the left are lapped back and then in front of the loop and the strands to the right are passed over the time and then behind the loop. Figure 3, to my mind the prettiest of all, is perhaps the most difficult to understand. The hairs, instead of being braided "en masse," are handled separately. The bottom hair first of one side and then the other is passed and the loop and brought around in front when it becomes the top hair on the same side from which it was originally selected. There is no rule followed about the number of hairs used



A FEW HORSEHAIR RINGS.

making a ring; they vary according to the thickness and breadth desired by the workman.  
Rings carved from cannel coal or other materials may be made very attractive with the help of a little decoration. Figure 2 shows a shapeless lump of cannel coal ready for the penknife and also a ring copied from a ring made by a year-old boy. Figure 4 shows a ring of button, made either of bone or rubber, applicable for ring making; also another design perpetuated by the same small boy. Figure 5 shows a very delicate little finger ring whittled from a 10-cent pin.  
—Chicago Record-Herald.

## How to Cut a Pear in Two.

A pear suspended from the ceiling by a piece of thread is to be cut exactly



burning as it falls. How to place the foot of the foot. Dr. Rodgers' Dental Office, 100 West 14th St., New York City.

pear. A drop of water will fall on the exact spot, which must be noted. These preparations must be made before your exhibition, so that the audience will only see the suspended pear, without knowing anything of the drops of water. When the moment for the performance has arrived, place the edge of the knife on the exact spot, then burn the thread and the pear in falling will be cut in two.

This experiment can also be done with two knives placed crosswise. The knives must be crossed at the exact spot where the drops have fallen.—New York Tribune.

## Julia.

My Julia was a sweet dolly. I had spent many happy hours sewing her dresses and playing with her. Mostly she wore white, and had a happy expression on her face.

I was absent from the house, jumping rope on the pavement one day, when a lady and her little daughter came to call on my mamma. During the call some one gave the child my Julia to play with. That was all right, of course; but, when they were going away, the little girl cried to take my dolly along! My sister came out and found me, and asked if I would give the little visitor my Julia.

Of course I said, "No, indeed!" But my sister coaxed me a great deal, and told me that the little visitor was crying very hard, and could not be comforted, and would not give the dolly up. She told me, besides, that I was almost too big to play with dolls any longer.

So at last I consented to give my dear Julia to the spoiled child, who cried for what was not hers! When I went in by and by, she was gone. None of the big people ever knew how lonely and unhappy I was without my precious doll.

It was a whole year before I saw the visitor again, for she did not live in the same city. When I saw her,—it

was in a shop—I walked up to her and said: "How is Julia? Where is Julia?"

Will you believe it? She did not remember my Julia that she had cried to take away from me!

I went home very sad and indignant. I thought a girl who could take my Julia, and then lose her and forget all about her, must have a heart of stone.—Little Folks.

## Clever Pussy.

You have seen a little cat sit upon a stoop and a dog snarling and barking at her. Pussy is caught in a position from which there is no escape, and her sitting there to face out the threats of her canine enemy is her only choice. She appears to take things as calmly as if she were sitting on a rug before the parlor fire. If she runs away while the eyes of the dog are on her she is lost. If the dog has courage enough to seize her, death would be her fate.

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Not even for a second do her eyes move from the dog. The latter circles around pussy, barking furiously all the time; but the cat's eyes follow him with the keenest scrutiny.

She is waiting her opportunity and she does not miss it. The canine backs a few feet and settles down upon his forepaws. A bark across the street attracts his attention for a moment, and when he looks back the cat is missing. He gazes down the street and sees her tail disappearing over a high wall.

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## Her Delicious Moments.

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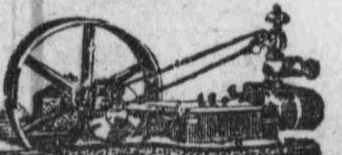
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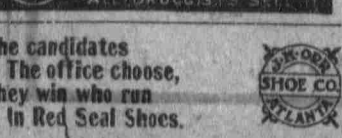


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